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SUBJECT: MULTIPLE CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR NASA U-2 AND
WB-57F AIRCRAFT
JOHNSON SPACE CEN ATTN CA/MR ABBEY

1. AS PART OF NASA/STATE OF ALASKA/DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
PROGRAM TO MAP STATE OF ALASKA, NASA U-2 AIRCRAFT FROM
AMES RESEARCH CENTER AND WB-57F AIRCRAFT FROM JOHNSON
SPACE CENTER WILL BE DEPLOYED TO ALASKA JUNE - SEPTEMBER
OF THIS YEAR. PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR U-2 AIRCRAFT TO
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DEPLOY EARLY JUNE AND MID-JULY WITH WB-57F TO BE IN
ALASKA FROM JUNE 21 - JULY 16.

2. EAST/WEST FLIGHT LINES WILL BE FLOWN, CLOUD COVER
PERMITTING, FROM ROUGHLY 60 TO 70 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE
APPROXIMATELY EVERY SIX MILES. AT END OF EACH EAST
BOUND LEG, AIRCRAFT WILL TURN IN CANADIAN AIRSPACE.

U-2 AIRCRAFT WILL ALSO TRANSIT CANADIAN AIRSPACE ENROUTE TO AND FROM ALASKA.

3. U-2 CARRIES DUAL RC-10 COMBINATION CAMERA SYSTEM WITH ONE SIX-INCH AND ONE TWELVE-INCH LENS CONE. W0-57F WILL HAVE 6-INCH FOCAL LENGTH ZEISS AND 12-INCH FOCAL LENGTH CAMERA.

4. NO REPEAT NO PHOTOGRAPHY IS PLANNED OVER CANADIAN TERRITORY ALTHOUGH PICTURES TAKEN ALONG ALASKAN/CANADIAN BORDER MAY INADVERTENTLY CONTAIN BORDER AREAS OF CANADA. THIS BORDER DATA CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CANADIAN GOVERNMENT UPON REQUEST.

5. AIRCRAFT INVOLVED ARE USAF-OWNED, NASA MAINTAINED AND OPERATED U-2, REGISTRY NUMBER 56-6681 AND 56-6682, CALL SIGN, NASA 708 AND NASA 709. THE WB-57F IS NASA-OWNED AND OPERATED, REGISTRY NUMBER N926NA, CALL SIGN NASA 926.

6. SINGLE PILOT FOR EACH U-2 AIRCRAFT AMONG MARTIN A. KNUTSON, ROBERT J. ERICSON, JAMES A. BARNES, RONALD R. WILLIAMS, ALL U.S. CITIZENS, AND IVOR B. WEBSTER, U.K. CITIZEN. WB-57F WILL CARRY 2 PERSONS, BOTH NASA CIVILIANS, U.S. CITIZENS.

7. FIRST U-2 PLANS DEPARTURE FROM MOFFETT FIELD, CALI-
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FORNIA FOR ALASKA O/A JUNE 13 VIA AIRWAY J-1 AND HL 502. FLIGHT LEVEL 650 (65,000) FEET. SECOND U-2 WILL ARRIVE AT LATER DATE DEPENDING ON ALASKA CLOUD CONDITION AND AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY. ALL FLIGHTS OF U-2 TO AND FROM CANADA WILL BE ALONG SAME AIRWAY ROUTINGS WITH NO DATA TAKEN ENROUTE.

8. WB-57F WILL FLY TO ALASKA O/A JUNE 20 BUT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT TRANSIT CANADIAN AIRSPACE.

9. PILOTS WILL FILE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLANS.

10. PLEASE OBTAIN NECESSARY CLEARANCES FOR PERIOD JUNE 13 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 AND ADVISE. VANCE

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